

I. HISTORY

The McMinn County Health Council was established in February 1993 to address the health needs of McMinn County residents and oversee the health status of McMinn County. The council is made up of local health care professionals, elected officials, and other local citizens. Since 1993, the council has orchestrated various activities to address health needs including forums for TennCare issues, free dental and eye clinics for the indigent, free health screenings, aiding in the establishment of the Good Faith Clinic (a free primary care clinic for the indigent), and other special projects for the population of McMinn County. All of these efforts have been successful. Begun in September 1997, the Community Diagnosis Process has offered the council a systematic approach to identifying health issues in a manner that is sensible, effective, and assures long-term improvement.

II. MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the McMinn County Health Council is to assure that quality health care is accessible, available, and affordable to fellow residents.

III. SELECTED DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

Total Number of Households: 16,351

	McMinn County	Southeast Region	State
Percent of households that are family households	76.2	77.1	72.7
Percent of households that are headed by a female with non-husband present	10.7	10.3	12.6
Percent of households that are families headed by a female with no husband present and with children under 18 years	5.9	5.3	6.9
Percent of households with the householder 65 and up	24.4	22.7	21.8

EDUCATION

	McMinn County	Southeast Region	State
Number of persons age 25 and older	27,830	163,220	3,139,066
Percent of persons 25 and up that are high school graduates or higher	57.1	58.0	67.1
Percent of persons 25 and up with a bachelor's degree or higher	10.5	9.7	16.0